

Gentlemen,

The most important element of education in our children's future is the free and inexpensive availability of information. There is no reason to allow the erosion of competition further; the current administration's support of monopolistic practice is selling the future of our children to shareholders for financial gain. The ILECs need further regulation, and the last mile should be forced to be given to CLECs and cost, so that consumers, not shareholders benefit. A public utility is just that, public and a utility. Investors in this segment have always been less important than service to the community, and the telco act of 1996 needs to be enforced more strictly, not emasculated.

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